

### To Make the Best Better

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### DEVELOPING THE SOCIAL SIDE IN CLUB WORK

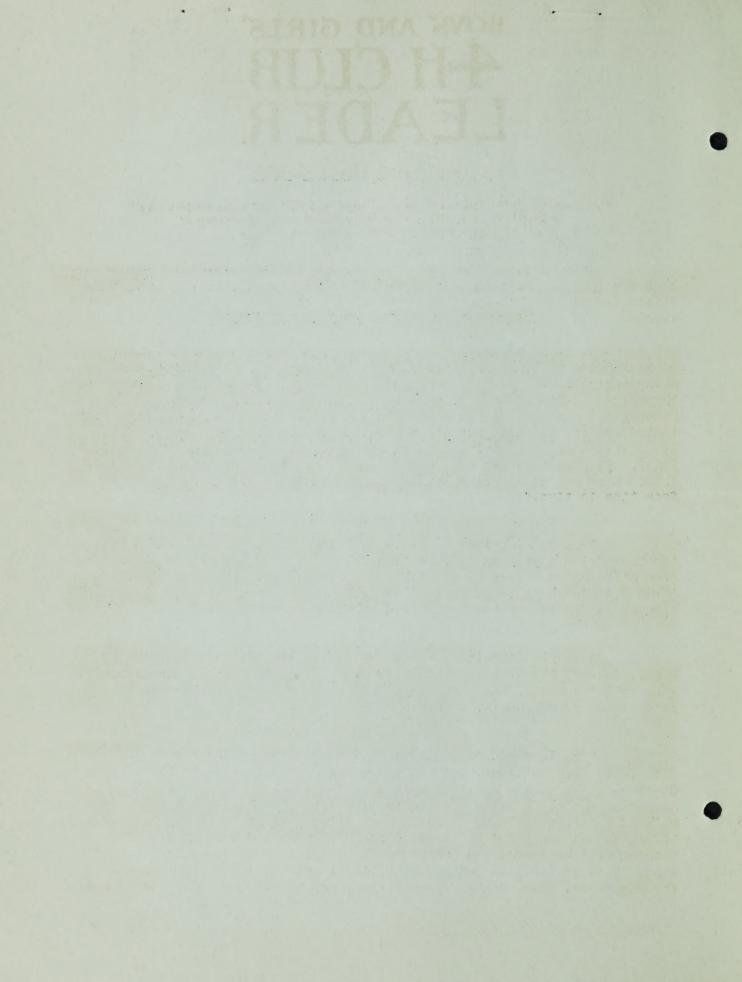
HO, among us, hasn't at times yearned to be an actor or actress?
What better way to have a good time than to get the community together to witness a play, the characters of which are acted by boys and girls who have grown up in the neighborhood? Wisconsin has taken advantage of this interest in the stage by holding its first junior home-talent tournament. Not only have the boys and girls participating in the plays received good wholesome training and had this very human desire fulfilled but the community at large has had a good time getting together to watch the plays in which these boys and girls took part.

The rules called for four or more junior groups to compete in each county entering the contest. Nine counties entered the tournament, and these were divided into three districts. After each county had held its elimination contest, there was a district contest in which the county winners competed. Then the final contest, where the best 4-H dramatic team was selected, was held February 8 at Madison as one of the features of Farm and Home Week.

In the finals, the Marinette 4-H Boosters Club, presenting "Early Ohios and Rhode Island Reds," was adjudged the winner of the State contest. This club represented Marinette, Marathon, and Wood Counties. Fulton 4-H Club, of Rock County, presenting "Not Quite Such a Goose," and representing Dane, Rock, and Winnebago Counties, placed second. Roberts 4-H Club, of St. Croix County, presenting "Station YYYY," representing St. Croix, Chippewa, and Jackson Counties, placed third. About 2,600 people witnessed the final contest.

Verne V. Varney, assistant State club leader, says of the tournament: "Real interest has been shown in the play presentations,\*\*\*. One group came about 60 miles to the county tournament on perhaps the most wintry day that county has experienced."

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The 4-H Club Crier program from WCAC, agricultural college station at Storrs, Conn., goes on the air every Monday evening at 5.40 p.m. This station is adding a 10-minute program of 4-H club news to the Crier program weekly.

A. J. Brundage, State club leader, furnishes information about the program Crier at this station, as follows: "Just a little human-interest event regarding the selection of our Club Crier. We invited the members of the College 4-H Club here to compete for this honor. There were 10 of the members who went to the radio station and had their radio speaking ability tested out and Winfield Barnes, a club member for four or five years in Litchfield County and a freshman at college, was selected for the 4-H Club Crier. The boys' voices as a whole seem to carry better than the girls', although we are considering having the Club Crier's sister officiate for him from time to time."

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From T. A. Erickson, State club leader, Minnesota: "As a part of the Club Crier's program over Station KSTP we are bringing in club members from different counties of the State to give a short talk each week. The 'Club Crier's' part is on at 4.45 every Thursday afternoon. The last five minutes is devoted to the part given by the boys and girls."

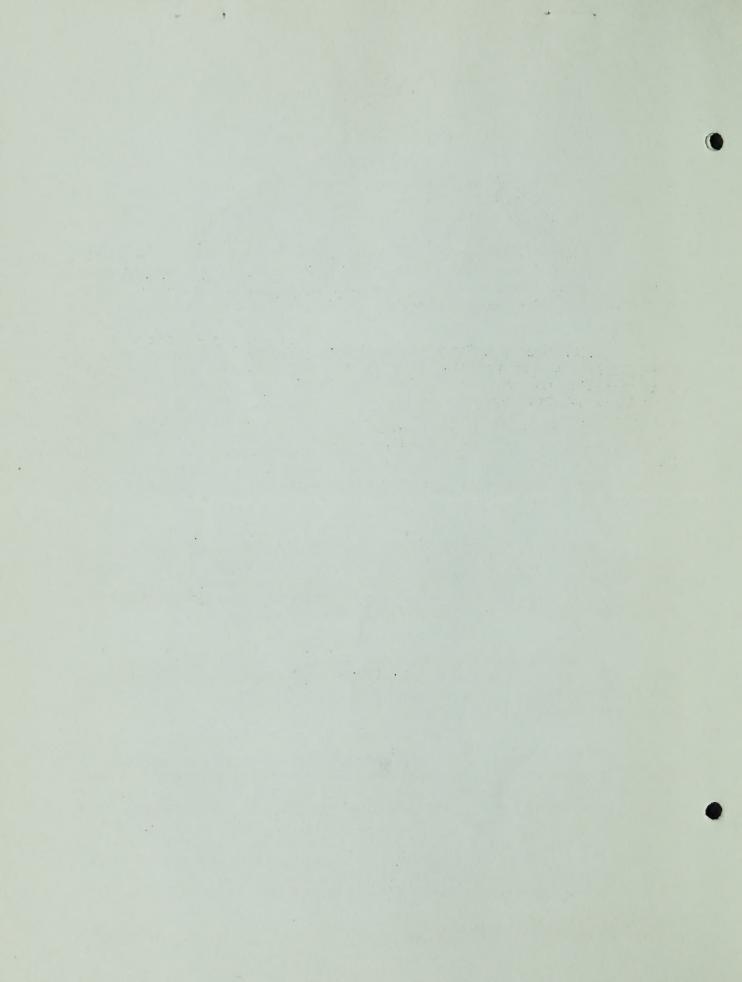
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A candle lighting service was put on at Station WEEI, Boston, Mass., January 25, between 6 and 6.30 p.m. Clubs in eastern Massachusetts were notified ahead, and plans were made to go through with the service as it was announced from the studio.

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"The Iowa 4-H club girls' program will be on the air March 2, from 10 to 10.30 o'clock, Saturday morning, over WOI, Iowa State College Station. This is the monthly radio hour for the Iowa 4-H girls. Each member of the staff has her definite time scheduled during the year. Mildred Elder, one of the clothing specialists, is going to tip the girls off as to the new trend in girls' clothing for spring and summer. The program will be opened and closed by the playing of the Four Leaf Clover song. This is the Iowa 4-H girls' official opening and closing signal for the radio. Mrs. Ethel Cessna Morgan, one of our faculty members, will

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### 4-H CLUB CRIER (continued)

play for us four of the Iowa Music Memory numbers on the piano. Pauline Hufford, the Iowa 4-H president, will have a greeting for all 4-H'ers. William H. Stacy, professor of rural organization at Iowa State College, will talk a few moments on "Helps for the 4-H Girls' Program."

---From a recent letter from Josephine E. Arnquist, in charge of girls' club work, Iowa.

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A new radio 4-H club program has been started at WBZ and WBZA, Springfield and Boston, Mass., respectively, by G. L. Farley, State club leader. This program goes on the air each Saturday from 12.30 to 12.45. Thirty-six 4-H club members, former members, and others had joined the WBZ club by January 30. Two clothing clubs from Monson, led by Evelyn Leonard, have joined as clubs. One has 13 members and the other 20. Eight of those writing in had never been club members and wanted to join some 4-H club. A combination handicraft-sewing club from Griswoldville, with seven members, has also enrolled as a club.

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Massachusetts Delegates Named.

Mary Hall, Franklin County;

Ruth Cruickshank, Bristol County; Alton
Hodges, Suffolk County; and Silas Little, Jr.,
Essex County, have been selected to represent
Massachusetts at the National 4-H Club Camp,
Washington, D. C., June 19 to 25, inclusive.

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### WITH THE LEADERS IN THE DAKOTA'S

At the nineteenth annual 4-H Achievement Institute which was held at the North Dakota Agricultural College, Fargo, December 11 to 14, one of the features was the formal recognition of leadership on the part of men and women who have acted as local leaders of 4-H clubs. An emblem furnished by the extension service at the State college was provided for the woman and for the man who had achieved the most worth-while results as leaders of 4-H clubs in their neighborhood.

The woman winning the emblem for 1928 was Mrs. A. Rosendahl, Ypsilanti, N. Dak., Stutsman County. Her record showed that she has been a leader of a club since 1922, that her club members carried several different projects, and that the percentage of completions in her club averaged 92 per cent over a six-year period. She has attended every local leaders' conference held in the county, all county achievement programs, and was attending the State achievement institute for the fourth time, as chaperon of her county delegation at the time the emblem was presented. She has developed many demonstration teams in her club.

The man who won the emblem was J. L. Torrey, Bowesmont, N. Dak., Pembina County. He has been a leader of a club since 1925. His club is known as the Pittsburg Shropshire Club. Six of his boys have been members since the organization of the club three years ago. Both demonstration and judging teams have been developed, the boys thus learning not only how to raise good sheep but how to judge good sheep and also how to demonstrate to other folks what they have learned in their sheep club work. As a result of the work of this club the use of purebred sires has been introduced in the community and there has also been great improvement in the care and management of livestock.

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"In South Dakota," says H. M. Jones, State club leader, "leaders' conferences are being held in practically every county. The series began January 8 and will be completed March 15. During this time every local leader in the State will have had an opportunity to receive first-hand aid from specialists and district and State club leaders." South Dakota believes that local leaders in general want the information and suggestions made possible through a meeting of local leaders of the county. They will attend such conferences, as shown by the fact that last year in 14 counties where joint conferences were held, 147 local leaders and 29 visitors or prospective local leaders attended. About 80 per cent of the active leaders attended and felt that they were well repaid. This meeting of local leaders, which makes possible an exchange of ideas, serves to generate enthusiasm for the work and build up the morale of the local leaders individually and collectively, reports Mr. Jones.

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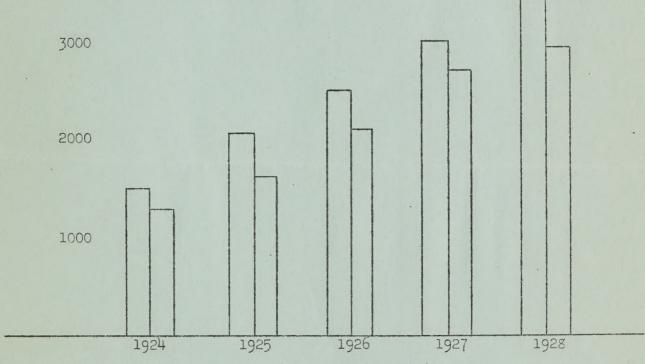
G. L. Herrington, State club agent, sends in the following information about club enrollments in Tennessee during 1928: "Annual reports of county and home demonstration agents in Tennessee show that a total of 24,408 boys and girls were engaged in 4-H club work in 1928. There were 12,594 in agricultural work under supervision of county agents and 11,814 in home demonstration work under supervision of home agents."

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The enrollment in the different 4-H club projects
RHODE ISLAND 4-H in Rhode Island has increased steadily during the last
CLUBS five years as shown in the diagrams below. The 1924
enrollment was 1,524 and the 1928 enrollment 3,558.
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The 1929 enrollment is already well ahead of the enrollment at this time last year and promises to make a new record before the end of the season.



Project Enrollment in Rhode Island 4-H Clubs
Larger column: Number enrolled. Smaller column at side: Number completing.

----Rhode Island 4- H Clubs, January 14, 1929.

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T. T. Martin, State boys'and girls' club agent, sends word that Missouri organized and conducted 1,163 standard 4-H clubs during 1928 in 94 counties of the State with a total enrollment of 11,514 members. This was an increase of 1,817 in the State enrollment and of 150 standard clubs over the record for 1927.

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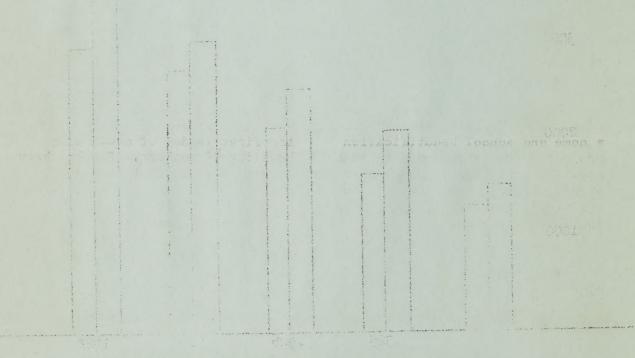
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Seven of the nine official ton litters in North Dakota in 1928 were produced by club members.

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Paul Simmons, of Plant City, with a production of 96.6 bushels to the acre, has been named 1928 champion corn club boy of Florida.

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The Guilford Calf Club in Chenango County, N. Y., has been running its own dairy-herd improvement association (cow-testing association) for nearly three years.

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Club members in California raised 4,446 rabbits last year.

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Washburn, Pierce, and Milwaukee Counties, Wisconsin, are undertaking a home and school beautification project which is designed to teach boys and girls how to grow their own shrubs, trees, and perennial flowering plants for beautifying the home and school grounds.

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Four hundred and fourteen 4-H club boys more than doubled the State average of bushels of corn per acre during 1928 in North Carolina.

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Audley Horner, of Cass City, Mich., went to the Cleveland Livestock Show last fall by airplane with his prize-winning calf and his local club leader, Willis Campbell, of Cass City.

With 6 pigs, weighing 2,033 pounds at 180 days, Hobert Melton, club boy of Faulkner County, Ark., won the State ton-litter contest in 1928.

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Fifteen boys in the Hoven 4-H pig club, South Dakota, made an average net profit last year of \$167.50 per sow, the profits varying from \$105 to \$300.

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Irma Reineke, of Rice County, Minn., has been named 1928 champion Holstein dairy calf club member in the United States by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. Outside of her personal record in dairy calf club work, it is interesting to note that she was the first club member in her community and that she organized and became the first leader of a 4-H club boasting 42 members. She has been in plub work about three years.

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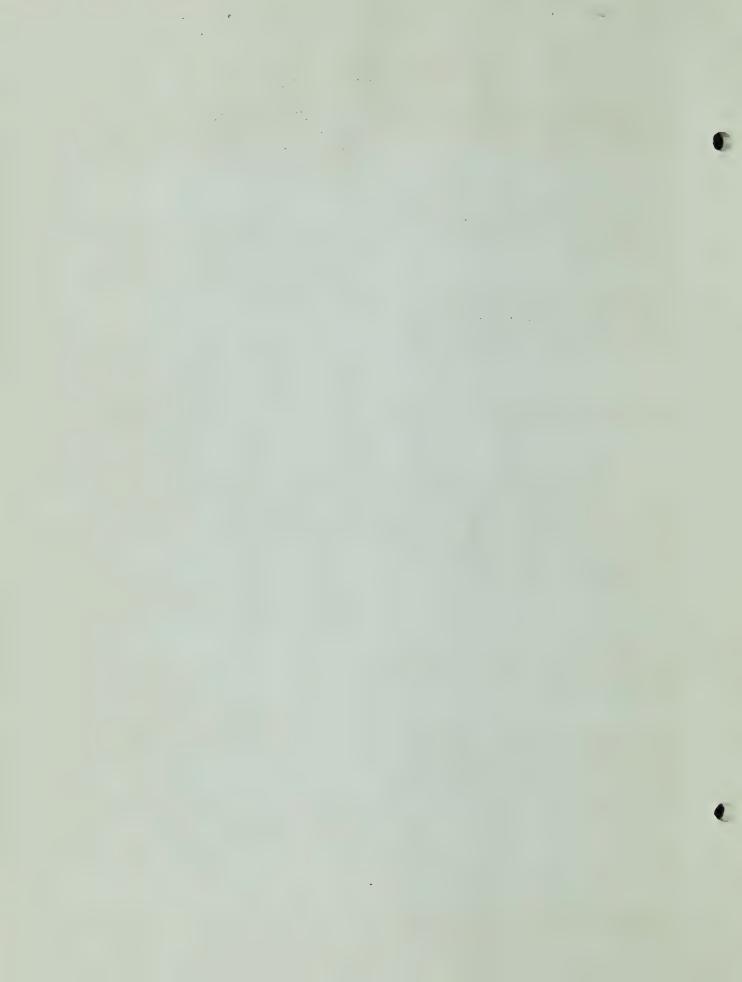
Oscar Nellermore, of Richland County, N. Dak., has produced an official ton litter two years in succession.



Kent County 4-H Calf Club float which won first prize in the Christmas parade at Chestertown, Md., December 12, 1928.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

In order that club members might be taught what points should be considered in choosing articles for exhibits at fairs, the pep club of Thurston County, Wash., arranged a series of judging demonstrations early last fall for the instruction of new leaders and club presidents. Club members carrying on the projects demonstrated the judging of bread, potatoes, carrots and beans, canned cherries, poultry culling, needlework, and refinished furniture.

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The baby beef shown by Martha Hess of Cumberland County, Pa., competing against 95 other animals, was named grand champion in the 4-H club department at the State farm-products show held at Harrisburg late in January. Martha is the first girl to win the grand championship at this show and the first club member from Cumberland County to win this honor. Her record shows that two years ago she was in the last place in her club, a year ago she was thirty-second in 38, and she is now best in the State.

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Thirteen counties were represented at the State 4-H Potato Show held in connection with the New York State Vegetable Growers' meeting at Utica, in January. Each county presented 10 plates of 5 tubers each at the show. Steuben County for the second time succeeded in obtaining the first-prize silver cup, which has been won once each by Ontario and Allegany counties. The county which wins the cup three times keeps it permanently, but other counties are already making plans to place plenty of opposition along Steuben County's path to honors in 1930. The situation may be summed up in the words of a potato club member from another county who was discussing the matter right after the show:— "Steuben County MAY win the cup again next year but, believe me, if she does, she's going to know that she's been in a real fight."

The prize plate in each county was selected and also the prize individual plates for the entire show were chosen. Robert Stevenson, of Ithaca, was named sweepstakes winner.

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Robert Maull, of the 4-H Boys' Club of Lewes, in Sussex County, Del., has been named winner of the Delaware Corn Growers' Association trophy cup for 1928. In this annual 4-H club corn-judging contest which is held during the State corn show at Dover, Robert, competing with 34 other club members, was required to place four 10-ear samples each of white and yellow corn, and to write reasons for his placings, and place five single-ear samples of white and yellow corn. He scored 374.4 points out of a possible 400 perfect score.

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Rudolph Husing, Litchfield County, Conn., in his three years of club work, has made a steady improvement. The first year his hens averaged 158.4 eggs per bird, with a return above feed cost of \$2.66 each; the second year, 192.7 eggs per bird, with a return of \$4.22; and last year, 207.6 eggs per bird, with a return of \$4.95 per bird.

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### NEONS MOTES

"FLICKER TALES," is the name of the newspaper published by boys and girls attending the nineteenth annual 4-H achievement institute and 4-H livestock sale at the North Dakota State Agricultural College, Fargo, in December.

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"GREENE COUNTY 4-H CLUB NEWS," made its bow to club members in Greene County, Mo., in January. It is a mimeographed paper edited by Frances L. Davis, home demonstration agent, and it is to be published monthly, giving all the news from all the clubs in the county, and interesting items about club doings elsewhere.

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Different parts of the monthly State news-letter are assigned to members of the Hitty Corner Club in southern Rhode Island to be perused with a keen eye for suggestions of things going on in other clubs that might be used to advantage in their own club. And the assignees report their findings at the next meeting of the club.

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Lake, Miner, and McCook Counties, South Dakota, have made arrangements to issue a 4-H club news-letter jointly. H. M. Jones, State club leader, says: "County and district club news-letters are becoming more popular in South Dakota. By this means the local leaders and club members are kept informed on the progress of the work in other places and this serves as an inspiration to better work on their own part."

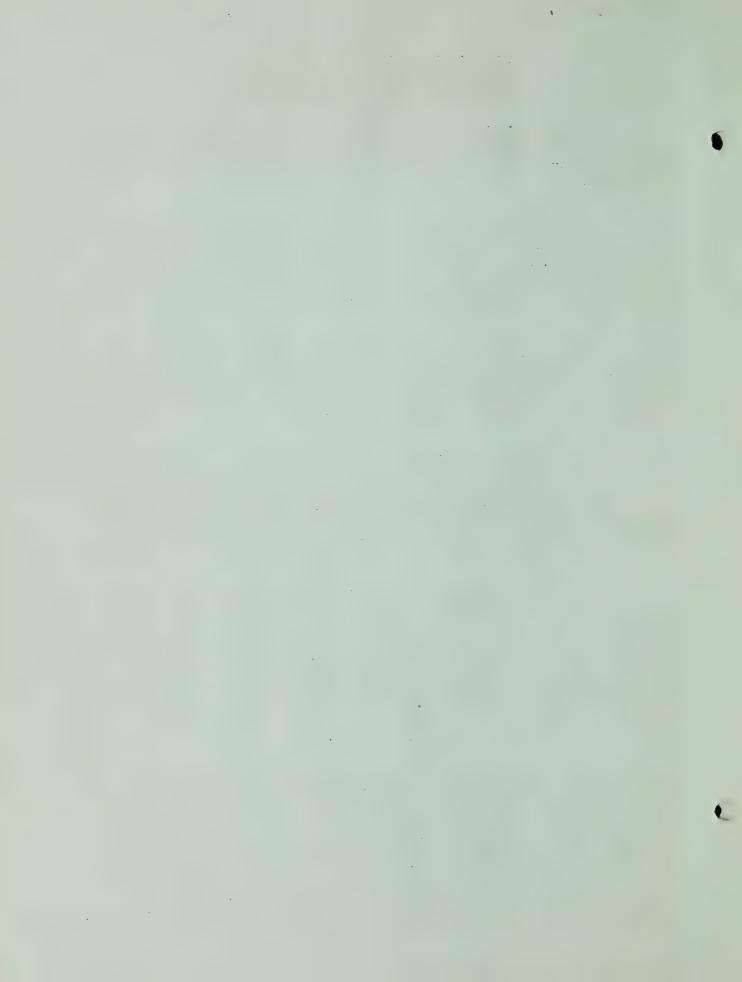
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"FOR YOUR INFORMATION" is a series of one-sheet mimeograph editions issued "every now and then" by the Montana State club office for the purpose of calling attention to events, plans, and activities, pertaining to 4-H clubs in which county extension agents may be interested. Seven numbers were issued during 1925. The items listed in "FOR YOUR INFORMATION" tend only to mention briefly the plans, items, and activities, and more detailed information can be had by the agent's writing to the State club office.

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The Lecompte Agricultural 4-H Club, Rapides Parish, La., has been named the best organized club in the State and is the winner of \$40 to be used in purchasing equipment for the club members. This club competed with the best club from each of the other parishes. The contest was sponsored by the State fair association and the State club department. The Lecompte Club members won \$213 in prizes at the recent State fair in the club department; they had the largest percentage of eligibles enrolled; the largest average attendance at meetings; the greatest number of records submitted; the largest number of adult visitors; won the most premium money; and had the highest total of points.

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BETTER RURAL "Another feature of this educational system that is worthy EDUCATION of new attention is the training of local leaders. Where in the cities can be found groups of adults who will meet regularly under trained leadership to learn the lessons which they are to transmit to the youth who will be under their immediate charge during the absence of the extension agent? Yet groups of farm women and farm men are meeting this way all over the United States, and incidentally engaging in the greatest adult educational movement known to modern times."

--- By Walter H. Burr, Successful Farming, December, 1928.

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CLUB WORK IN "Young farmer clubs, corresponding closely to 4-H clubs so

AUSTRALIA widespread in this country, have become one of the greatest concerns of governmental and civic leaders in Australia,"
said Leonard Maddern of Ballarat, Australia, recently in Chicago, meeting
with the Community Service Committee of Rotary International.\*\*\*

"\*\*\*The framework of our young farmer club efforts was taken bodily from your American system. The Government recognized this need at about the same time that civic leaders began, three or four years ago. Harold Clapp, chairman of the Victorian Railways Commission, sent a special mission to America to study 4-H clubs, and this information is the basis of both the governmental and unofficial activity along this line.

"The Government has taken the lead, the railways department, the agricultural and educational departments, but of course there is plenty of room for volunteers.

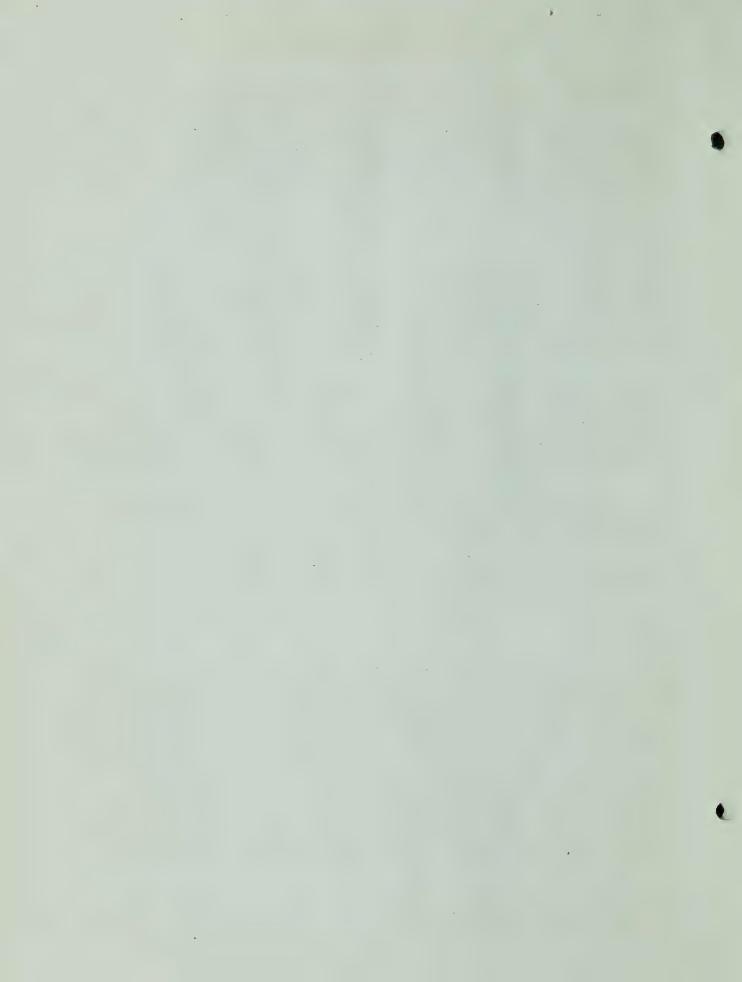
"We think that in the development of these farm clubs lies the salvation of a profitable agriculture for Australia."

--- The Prairie Farmer, January 5, 1929.

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Crane, 15-year-old club girl of Martin County, Ind., who entered poultry club work in 1924 and has continued to carry this project each year since then. For the last three years she has wen first prize at the county show. In addition to her poultry work she was a number of a lamb club and for two years a member in the sewing club in her county, having organized the club in her community last year. Mr. Smith mays that Medora attends club camp each year and with her training at the club round-up at Purdue University, she is now ready to become a leader in club work in Martin County. Mr. Smith also tells about the annual Knox County, Ind., 4-H club banquet which was held last fall, attended by 300 club members and their parents, which, from the description, must have been an extremely interesting affair.

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## THE GAUNTLET CLUB

The Queen Bee Clothing Club of La Parele Community of Converse County, Wyo., started with 21 members four years ago and finished with 19 of the original members last fall. It has completed its four years of clothing work under the leadership of Mrs. R. M. Olds. No other club in the State, says B. W. Marston, State agent in club work, has equaled the record of this club over a period of years. The club is one of the largest in Wyoming. During the last year the club was instrumental in starting and conducting a junior club in the first-year clothing work.



### NEBRASKA HAS 4-H CLUB PLANNING DAYS

In a number of Nebraska counties 4-H club planning days are being held this spring by L. I. Frisbie, State agent in club work, and others associated with him in the Nebraska Agricultural Extension Service. The local county extension agent or leader of club work in the county takes charge of the details of the meetings and invites in all past, present, and prospective local leaders. Mr. Frisbie discusses the calendar of national, State, and local events in the 1929 4-H club program, and the need for organization and leadership in order to raise the number of boys and girls in club work and the quality of work they do. His assistant takes up the plans for distribution of club literature, and puts particular emphasis upon accuracy and promptness in sending in reports of work done. The local man in charge assists the leaders present in working out a county plan of work-for 1929, which generally includes the appointing of a county committee to encourage club work, the setting of a number of goals regarding membership and programs of work, discussion of the methods to be used in enrolling members and obtaining leaders, plans for leader-training meetings, and plans for news-writing contests and schools. When the planning day is over, Mr. Frisbie says, the State club office has a good idea of the intentions of leaders in the county, and the leaders have a clearer idea of the State plans and methods of giving help to counties.

During January and February, members of the Michigan State club staff met with each of the 50 county normal training classes in the State and presented a course in 4-H club leadership. The county normal training classes are institutions in counties where high-school graduates may prepare themselves for teaching positions in the rural schools.

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### WORK BOX AND TOOL CHEST

"Hand-Camera Photography for Extension Workers." l page multigraphed. Extension Service, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

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"Photographic Pointers for Extension Workers." 3 pages, mimeographed. Same address as above.

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"4-H Clothing Project Outline." First and Second Year. New Series Circ. No. 11.) By Afton Odell, Clothing Specialist, Utah Agricultural College, Extension Service, Logan, Utah.

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"4-H Club Leaders' Handbook." John S. Hale, county club agent, Hartford County, Conn.

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"Health Foods for 4-H Members." (Junior Extension Series No. 19, October, 1928.) By May E. Foley and Marion E. Forbes, Extension Service, Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst, Mass.

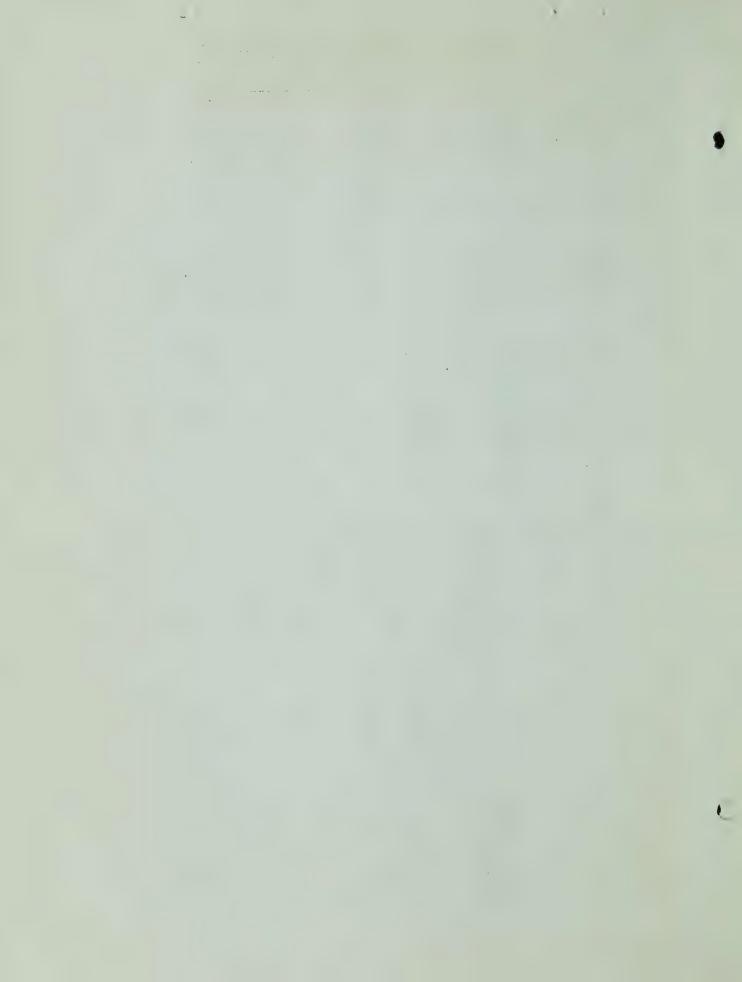
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"Meat Considered from the Consumer's Standpoint, Classes and Grades." (Mantern-Slide Series 66.) Office of Cooperative Extension Work, Division of Agricultural Instruction, Washington, D. C. The purpose of this lantern-slide series is to furnish extension workers with illustrations useful in discussion of grades, quality, and economic questions in relation to the buying of meat for household consumption. Market terms used by producers, packers, wholesalers, and retailers are explained so that the consumer may specify more accurately the kind of meat she desires.

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Here are some of the ways in which Berkeley County, W. Va., clubs have been helping to improve their clubs, communities, and schools. A member of the True Blue Club was appointed to keep the school bookcases in a clean and orderly condition, and another to keep the bookrack straightened up. One member was appointed whose duty it will be to trim the shrubbery and grass. The members of this club also cleaned up the school grounds and took flowers to school to decorate their rooms. The Cheerful Diggers cleaned up their school grounds and are going to plant shrubbery and encourage the planting of trees along the road. The Golden Rule club held a festival to obtain funds to buy curtains and lights for their school. They expect to have a flower bed this year. The Cheerful Workers Club is endeavoring to improve the appearance of the community by picking up trash along the roads.

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### CALENDAR

MASSACHUSETTS - Subject-matter conference for county club agents, Massachusetts Agricultural College,
Amherst, March 25-28, inclusive.

NEBRASKA - 4-H Club Week, College of Agriculture, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, June 3 - 8.

NEW YORK - Junior Field Days, New York State College of Agriculture, Ithaca, June 26 to 28.

RHODE ISLAND - Seventh Annual 4-H Club Camp,
Camp Edwards,
Rhode Island State College,
Kingston, June 24-29, inclusive.

WEST VIRGINIA - Dates for the three big camps at Jackson's Mill:

Volunteers' Camp, June 11-21.

Four-H girls: Older (16-21), June 25 to July 5. Younger (12-15), July 5-15.

Four-H boys, August 14-24.

Four-H Club Camp Week was held in Colorado in January in connection with the Denver National Western Stock Show. Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico were represented. Feeding and stock-judging contests, demonstrations, and exhibits of 4-H work were features of the program. The winning stock-judging team for all classes was the Washington County team from Colorado, and this team also won the trophy for high team on judging beef cattle. Each of the States represented had a demonstration team and also a demonstration booth. Wyoming and Colorado had teams demonstrating poultry and clothing work, and New Mexico had teams demonstrating fitting dairy calves for show and clothing work. Wyoming's demonstration booth showed clothing and house furnishings, and New Mexico's booth showed clothing and dairy exhibits. Club members had a full schedule for the week, which included luncheons and banquets and interesting trips to packing houses, manufacturing establishments, department stores, the statehouse, and the museum.

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### AMONG OURSELVES

Allen L. Baker, State club leader in Pennsylvania, is taking graduate work at Ohio State University.

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H. C. Seymour, State club leader, left Oregon on sabbatical leave last September for a year's advanced study at Cornell University.

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ANYBODY ELSE? In reply to the November CLUB LEADER challenge citing the number of club photographs taken by G. W. Ackerman, extension service photographer, J. A. Lennox, county club agent, Delaware County, N. Y., has the following to say: "I am an amateur at pictures and feel very proud to exhibit a small album covering each year of 4-H club work since 1918. Have some 2,100 pictures of 4-H folks and work to my credit."

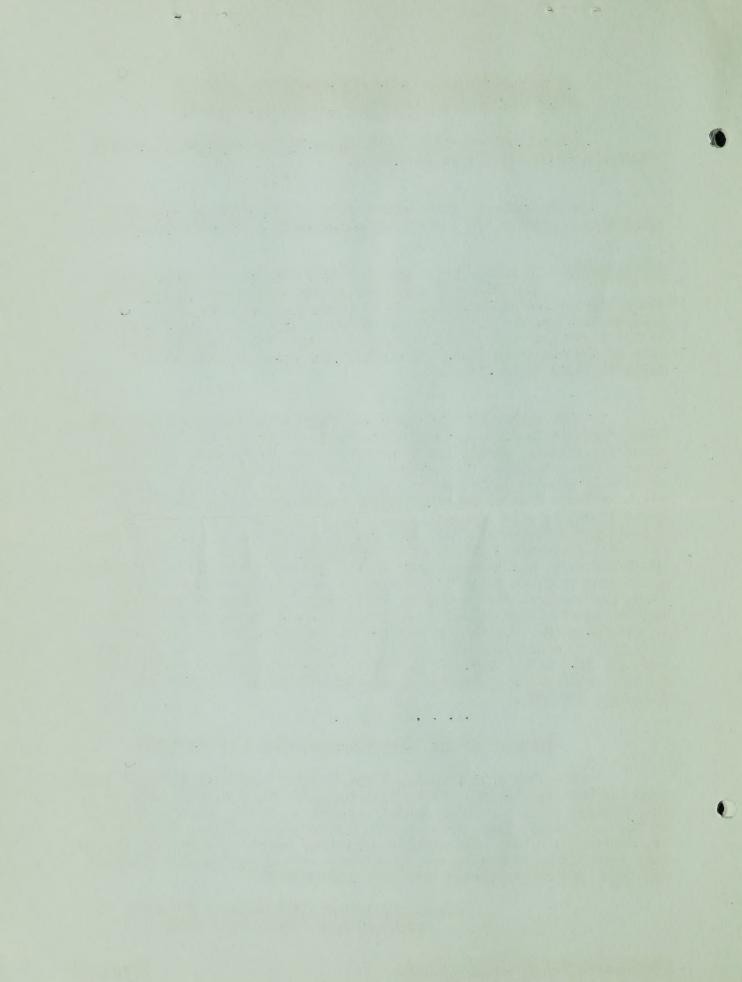
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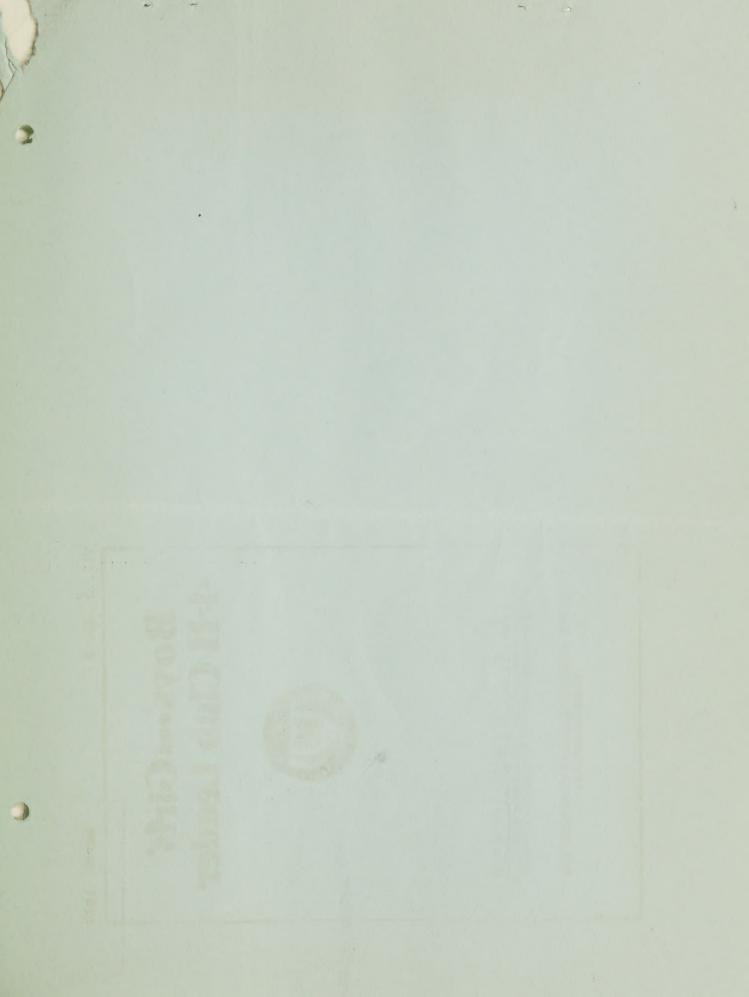
Club folks from the Office of Cooperative Extension Work have been traveling in different parts of the United States in connection with club matters, during the last two months. I. W. Hill, Southern States, has returned to the office from a trip during which he conferred about club matters in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, and Texas. Madge J. Reese, Western States, after attending the celebration at Houston in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of cooperative demonstrations, visited New Mexico and talked over club matters along with other extension business, before returning to Washington, D. C. R. A. Turner, Central States, has returned from a trip on which he conferred with the State club staff in Kentucky and with the executive committee about plans for the next club congress, in Chicago. He attended the State conference of county club agents, which was held during Farmers! Week in Michigan. Mr. Turner also visited Philadelphia, Boston, and New York City in connection with plans for the publication of the National 4-H Club Song Book. Gertrude L. Warren, club organization specialist, recently attended a conference at Springfield, Mass., on plans for Camp Vail for 1929.

### GOVERNOR HAMMILL APPOINTS CLUB MEMBERS TO HIS STAFF

"Governor John Hammill, State of Iowa, conferred a signal honor upon the 4-H organization of the State by nominating two club members to his official staff. Pauline Hufford of Granger, Iowa, and Paul Sauerbry of Fayette County, Iowa, were appointed honorary lieutenant colonels on the Governor's staff. The governor presented these two honors at the annual farm bureau banquet where 800 farmers were gathered. The governor was very high in his praises for each organization."

----From a letter from Josephine Arnquist, in charge of girls' club work, Iowa.





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